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## EXAMINATIONS FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION

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California state laws and regulations require individuals pursuing credentials authorizing service in California's public schools to verify proficiency in a number of areas. The required level of proficiency may be verified by passing one or more Commission-approved examinations. Refer to the information leaflet related to the credential you are seeking for your specific examination requirements. It is an individual's responsibility to take the correct examination(s) and to contact the Commission when questions arise.

The following is a reference list of the examination programs and testing companies under contract with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to administer each examination. Contact the testing company to obtain examination registration materials and information on administration procedures, examination score reports, and preparation materials. Faxed registration forms are not acceptable.

New examinations are currently being created to replace some existing examinations. There is often a delay in receiving score results from the initial administration of new examinations because of the time it takes to establish passing standards. Check the Commission's website often for updates.

### Examination and Testing Companies

**California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) --** Demonstration of proficiency in basic reading, writing, and mathematics skills

*CBEST Program*

*National Evaluation Systems, Inc.*

*P.O. Box 340880*

*Sacramento, CA 95834-0880*

*(916) 928-4001*

*TDD: (916) 928-4191*

*Fax: (916) 928-6110*

*Automated System (24 hours a day): (800) 262-5080*

*Website: [www.cbest.nesinc.com](http://www.cbest.nesinc.com)*

*E-mail: available through website*

**California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) –** Demonstration of subject-matter competence for Single and Multiple Subject Teaching Credentials. Information regarding appropriate subject matter examinations can be found in Verifying Subject Matter Competency Examination leaflets CL-674M for Multiple Subject or CL-674S for Single Subject.

*CSET Program*

*National Evaluation Systems, Inc.*

*P.O. Box 340789*

*Sacramento, CA 95834-0789*

*(916) 928-4003*

*TDD: (916) 928-4191*

*Fax: (916) 928-6110*

*Automated System (24 hours a day): (800) 205-3334*

*Website: [www.cset.nesinc.com](http://www.cset.nesinc.com)*

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**Single Subject Assessments for Teaching -- Demonstration of subject-matter competence for Single Subject Teaching Credentials**

*Single Subject Assessments for Teaching Program*  
*National Evaluation Systems, Inc.*  
*P.O. Box 340789*  
*Sacramento, CA 95834-0789*  
*(916) 928-4003*  
*TDD: (916) 928-4191*  
*Automated System (24 hours a day): (800) 205-3334*  
*Website: [www.cset.nesinc.com](http://www.cset.nesinc.com)*

**Praxis II: Subject Assessments for Single Subject Teaching Credentials -- Demonstration of subject-matter competence for Single Subject Teaching Credentials**

*Educational Testing Service*  
*Teaching and Learning Division*  
*P.O. Box 6051*  
*Princeton, NJ 08541-6051*  
*(609) 771-7395*  
*TTY: (609) 771-7714*  
*Fax: (609) 530-0581 or (609) 771-7906*  
*Automated System (24 hours a day): (800) 772-9476*  
*Website: [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis)*

**Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development Examination/Bilingual, Crosscultural, Language and Academic Development Examination (CLAD/BCLAD) -- Demonstration of competence in knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for effective teaching of English Learners**

*CLAD/BCLAD Program*  
*National Evaluation Systems, Inc.*  
*P.O. Box 340819*  
*Sacramento, CA 95834-0819*  
*(916) 928-4002*  
*TDD: (916) 928-4191*  
*Website: [www.clad.nesinc.com](http://www.clad.nesinc.com)*

**Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) -- Demonstration of knowledge and skills necessary for effective teaching of reading**

*RICA Program*  
*National Evaluation Systems, Inc.*  
*P.O. Box 348150*  
*Sacramento, CA 95834-8150*  
*(916) 928-4004*  
*TDD: (916) 928-4191*  
*Fax: (916) 928-6110*  
*Automated System (24 hours a day): (888)793-7999*  
*Website: [www.rica.nesinc.com](http://www.rica.nesinc.com)*

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**Preliminary Educational Technology Test --** Demonstration of effective use of technology at a basic level

*CSET Program  
National Evaluation Systems, Inc.  
P.O. Box 340789  
Sacramento, CA 95834-0789  
(916) 928-4003  
TDD: (916) 928-4191  
Automated system (24 hours a day): (800) 205-3334  
Website: [www.nesinc.com](http://www.nesinc.com)*

**School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) --** Demonstration of skills in situational analysis, problem solving and decision making in educational leadership

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Teaching and Learning Division  
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Princeton, NJ 08541-6051  
(609) 771-7395  
TTY: (609) 771-7714  
Fax: (609) 530-0581 or (609) 771-7906  
Automated System (24 hours a day): (800) 772-9476  
Website: [www.ets.org/sls/slsaboutslla.html](http://www.ets.org/sls/slsaboutslla.html)*

**Teaching Foundations Pedagogy Tests –** Demonstration of basic teaching foundations used to satisfy the required education course work in a teacher intern program.

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